



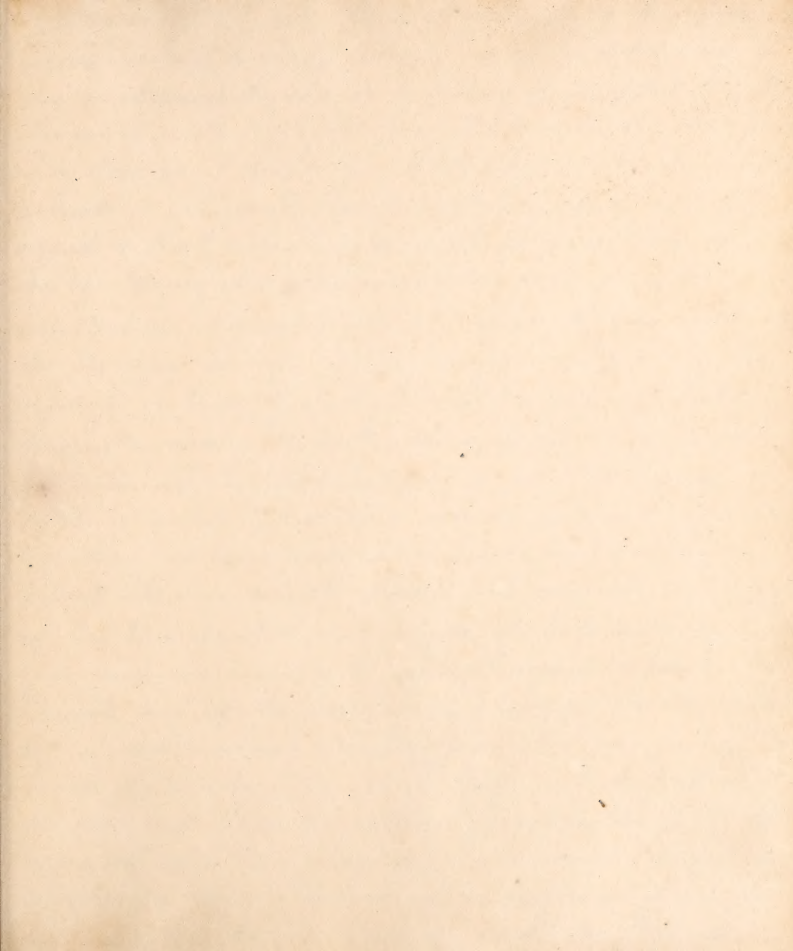
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Prayer is an all efficient panoply; a treasure undiminished; a mine which never is exhausted a sky unobscured by clouds; a haven unsupplied by the storm: it is the root, the fountain and the mother of a thousand blessings. I speak not of the prayer which is cold and feeble, and devoid of energy. I speak of that which is a child of a contrite spirit, the offspring of a soul converted, born in a blaze of unutterable inspiration - and winged, like lightning for the skies. The potency of prayer hath subdued the strength of fire; it hath bridled the rage of lions; hushed anarchy to rest; extinguished wars; appeased the elements; expelled demons; burst the chains of death; expanded the gates of heaven; assuaged diseases; repelled frauds; rescued cities from destruction; it hath stayed the sun in its course and arrested the progress of the thunderbolt: in a word it hath destroyed what ever was an enemy to man. I again repeat, that I speak not of the prayer engendered by the lips; but of that which ascends from the recesses of the heart. Alas! there is nothing more potent than prayer: yea there is nothing comparable to it. A monarch vested in gorgeous habiliments is far less illustrious than a kneeling suppliant, ennobled and adorned by communion with his God. consider

How august a privilege it is, when angels are
present and archangels throng around; when cher-
ubim and seraphim encircle with their blaze
their throne, that a mortal may approach with
unrestrained confidence, and converse with heavenly
Dread Sovereign! Oh! what honor was ever conferred
like this! when a christian stretches forth his
hands and invokes his God, in that moment he
leaves behind him all terrestrial pursuits and
travels on the wings of intellect the realms of
life; he contemplates celestial objects early, and
knows not of the present state of things, during
the period of his prayer; provided that prayer
be breathed with fervency. Could we but pray with
fervency; could we pray with a soul resuscitated,
a mind awakened, an understanding quickened,
then were potent to appear he would instantly
ascend; fly; were the gates of hell to gawn
upon us, they would close again. Prayer is a
haven to the shipwrecked mariner; an anchor un-
to them that are sinking in the waves, a staff
to the limbs that totter, a mine of jewels to the
poor, a security to the rich, a healer of disease
and a guardian of health. Prayer at once secures
the continuance of our blessings, and dissipates the
cloud of our calamities. O prayer! O blessed prayer!

Thou art the unwearyed conqueror of human woes; the
firm foundation of human happiness; the source of
ever lasting joy the mother of Philosophy the man
who can pray truly, though languishing in extremest
indigence is richer than all beside; whilst the wretch
who never bowed the knee, though proudly seated as
the monarch of the nations, is of all men most des-
titute. Let us then direct our thoughts to Him that
was poor yet rich, rich because he was poor. Let
us overlook the enjoyments of the present, and de-
sire the blessings of the future; for so shall we
obtain ~~both~~ the blessings both of the present and the
future. Oh! may we all obtain them through the
grace and beneficence of Christ our Lord; to whom
with the Father and the holy Spirit, be ascribed
all glory now and forevermore! amen -

St. Chrysostom

Prayer is the Christians vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gate of death -
He enters heav'n with prayer

There is such an exalted delight to a regenerate being in the act of prayer, and he anticipates with so much pleasure amid the toils of business and the crowds of the world, the moment when he shall be able to pour out his soul without interruption into the bosom of his Maker. that I am persuaded, that the degree of desire or repugnance which a man feels to the performance of this amiable duty, is an infallible criterion of his acceptance with God.

Henry Kirke White.

Kindness says an admired French author is the golden chain by which the world is held together, and it can be moved and managed with a finger. The observation is at once elegant and expressive; but the misanthropist defies the gentle band and severing the ties of friendship and affection, becomes a stranger to content and joy.

Sunday October 18th 1840.

I now enter upon my Senior year, during a portion of that now past my journal was occasionally written, but was entirely neglected in the summer term; believing that much religious advantage results from it, I now resume my own intending to use it for this purpose at least once every week and oftener if convenient.

This sabbath has closed; Dr Fitch preached on the Unity of God in the Morning - Mr Dutton "as to your faith virtue", setting forth the Christians need of moral courage - after tea a very crowded meeting addressed by Prof's Goodrich & Clinton in an excellent manner. Came to my room with Greedy, Gould came in soon - prayed together; after they left, Thacher came in, talked about Sabbath School & prayed for it. My own feelings are not what they ought to be, there is none of that spirituality which I read of, signs of sin very imperfect, not enough vital piety; much pride & vanity. I wish to be entirely Christ, but there is too much indolence - indisposition to make spiritual efforts. O Lord change this heart, and for the future enable me to live devoted to thee. D. M. Bull

Sunday Oct 25th.

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Monday October 1st November 1st

This day completes twenty one years spent in this world, and how little I have accomplished ^{thus} far, for God or my fellow men - or myself! It has been communion today - but my heart was very cold, my views of sin indistinct, my love to the Saviour small and poor: during the last month I have spoken to some Christians on religious things & to three non-professors. Thought of my cross & the Rodgers of the freshmen; this is a poor account to render to my Saviour who died for me; the new studies have crowded me much, I might write & should have done more in the winter & in my master (my vision of man has been too dull), & that I must face the danger of souls around me, Lord & ben my eyes & warm my heart: for my own sake I have felt some warmth, the thought of his living and dying, Gods sacrifices awaken some feeling. In regard to some of them (the words of Jesus to his disciples comes to my mind), "this shall goeth not away but by fasting and prayer"; I am therefore resolved to fast to-morrow & pray for their conversion & for my own heart to be melted & warmed.

Wm. and Sam. Bull

Monday November 8th 1840.

Cold, cold heart, some times sceptical
as to the value of any mind of any kind,
the usually doing do not do time in much
strength, then still less tends to deaden religious an-
dour and other exercises in inactivity — I feel my-
self to be at fault in knowing ^{so little} of the contents
of the books of antiquities.

P & said I must
Monday Nov 12th 1840

Dr. Hays has preached today in the Chapel
"The way of the Lord is tried" was the main text —
I feel that my want of Bible knowledge, it must
not only be read but studied — and God helping
me I will make more & better use of it; how much is
wasted through the neglect of it, if turned to his coun-
cil sickness or in death: & Lord wants me to be more
in his word and in his duties. For a long time
I have been in a state of mind in which I have
been, my feelings have been a little — too very little
than the words said, this is a word — and in some
I am aware of my being not true to it — but am
till not satisfied of it — & so I am to see,

and to return to Thee. I do not feel any strong con-
-viction of sin, nor of my sinfulness with Thee, &
I wish to see more of it and of my own weakness;
and in all points to lead a life more humble
prayerful & active.

David Russell

"Why should we believe there are Gods? Because
there is no nation so savage, no man out of all men so barbar-
-ous, whose mind is not imbued with the opinion of the Gods
Cicero in

It will not save us, nor save us to be able to say Alaham
is our father unless we will acknowledge the poorest
Christian even Sarum for our brother — Eng. Bishop

The bell strikes one. We take no note of time
But from its loss. To give it then a tongue
To use in man. As if an angel spoke
I feel the solemn sound; if heard aright
It is the knell of my debilitated hours.

Where are they? With the reeds beyond the flood.
It is the signal that denounces the patient.
How much is to be saved! How much is to be
Start up alarmed, and see his narrow way
Look down — on what? a fathomless abyss. A dreadful stain

Virtue's beyond the reach of fate — (Greek poets)

Monday March 14th 1841

There is much to be said in the history of
the human mind. It is a story of the
which I would not, but have had to record.
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perhaps it is I, the certain I can see & know
but O Lord if I know, help me to remove the obstacle
or remove it I myself, — but offer me not to
impede the work. Almightie God my Father

I would make the following solemn
confession, and write it, that it may be before
my eyes to warn me in future.

For the Lord & I, prior to becoming
Evils, I was a wicked & cruel and yet
mean hearted sinner in childhood, and
at home a profane & swearing, a sabbath breaker
and a hater of God: and had said even in my
youth I will not now name Heaven again over me.
By thy grace and the faithfulnes of the Christian
female, I was as I hope induced to become pious

Now I have not since becoming a professor
been the entire Christian that I ought; my standard
has been too low and I have said in my example
peace, peace, to the wicked; having vowed to be all
Christ's I have kept back the part; I have ne-
glected to study the Bible, to converse with
sinners, to pray for them as much as was duty.
My heart sins are many, pride has risen against
Thee, and my love has been much on the world

Now I wish to come back to Thee to whom
I have been, away, whom I have dishonoured
and who men in this land will think
whom I have not loved with the whole heart,
and so now these words express repentance and
ask pardon in Jesus, whom I have wounded;

and I do now so humble & abject myself
to the will as long as I live, to pray for
the ring down, and to labor to promote it, seeking
to sport with conversers with sinners; and in all
things imitate my Saviour's example.

And I do so much Thee, O God, the Father
Son and Holy Ghost, to be my God, committing
to Jesus my Soul and its interests, and giving
up to him all I have and am — and thus am
only giving him what is his.

Now O God, I am weak, & so
thou (me), and let me not wander away, but
keep me to be a man of prayer, and always
a humble active Christian.

David Thompson

June 20th 1841.

This Sabbath finds me at College once more, glad to have returned; during my absence the world has come strong upon me, but, though feeling less than last term, I am still desirous to see the cause of my Blessed Master advancing around me. I hope and mean to be faithful in warning & praying for my unrepentant fellow students. And to this end O God I ask divine guidance and strength.

I have long thought my standard of Christian character was too low; and Mr Aikman says he feels that he has felt the same thing, and now means to aim at an active consecration of himself to God: to resolve on this in my own strength will not avail, but I do wish to know my own weakness, make the determination, and by divine strength maintain. The duties in which I have been delinquent are these, studying the Bible; self examination; prayer;

and personal effort into sinners and
professed Christians; and the free, right
improvement of time and privileges.

Christians feel less than last term
concerns also; they will look to me for
an example in some measure; and
now David Lambree shall you in plan
be to elevate or help sink the Standard
of religion among your associates?
Shall Jesus Christ find you a soldier
always ready to act for him, singly and
independently? Shall he rule on the
throne of your heart, or the world and
self?

O God, my heart Thou knowest, I
have tried to deceive others, myself, and
worst of all, Thee; and now if I am
a Christian, make me, bid me to be a
sinner; increase my faith, break new ridges,
vent my will, give me no slackness
while straying from Thee and Thee; &
if I am not, undeceive me in prayer,
and help me to become one without
delay. This new work is begun, and
I am resolved, in thy strength, to pass

in thy fear and the better performance
of every known duty. But, Thou art
aware of my sinful instability, and
I pray Thee grant me assistance from
on high; these requests I proffer in
my Saviour's name. Amen
David Lummhise



Sunday Evening. September 18. 1842.

Princeton Theological Seminary is my present location - In 1837 my way was blocked up completely, and I put in the way of study - then brought to join the People of God; and doubting as to my future course, have had my resources cut off; then received the kind offer of Mr Backus of a scholarship, and here I am to use it.

If the guiding hand of God, to whom my Grandmother Lewis and my Mother carried me in dedication and prayer so often, is not shewn here - What could shew it?

Delightful thought that He guides my course; still Lord direct, and give me a disposition to follow Thy leadings. I have deficiencies to lament, would they might be lamented to some good purpose; the truth is, early in my course I concluded my abilities were of a superior order intellectually; and thus showed a weakness as one point by relying on them too much and making inferior efforts - my standing ^{as} scholar is in consequence lower than it should be. The same thing in a measure has influenced my religious life - that I was well started, and was doing well; had the prayers of many friends in store for me, and (shame that it is true) felt a sort of privilege, that even in neglect of duty all

would go well with me — Especially, regarding the
grade of action and attainment among others. It is I
have consented to live in, just and in training because
others did. Eminent Christians have murmured their
unlike, but they were not like my faults, if they were
there was good reason to murmur. And now, preparing
to be a Minister of the Gory — the awful responsibility of
this office is put down only by my dear friendliness to it.
To view the human race in Bible light, this danger and
need — then using them God's own Message, on their treatment
of which hang such interests; What Words could I
the ministers hear! What pity — wisdom — earnestness — prayer
acquaintance with God and Man are needed! Who is
sufficient, for these things? O God, fit and send me.
David Humboldt.

September 25th 1842.

Time in his flight has borne away another Sabbath;
and borne it where? To Eternity - where I also shall
at length be borne to meet it again and give account
for its improvement. How hard to value passing
time; the incline to put off action, important action,
to the future, forgetful that the future at the very best
will soon be where there is no 'work or device'.

This morning's discourse was on the doctrine of election
at present, I see not how reason or the Bible can
support any thing short of it; but I feel its practical
power very slightly; and alas of what Bible injunction
may I not say the same! This afternoon the subject
was the dangers of entering the Ministry without piety, and
the motives of doing so. I think my own motives are to do
good, though am not sure but I value more the hap-
-piness of mankind than the honor of Almighty God. Search
me O God; and whatever may be my own inclinations
suffer me not to go opposed to thy calls and wishes:

Be pleased to shew the path of duty all through life;
and assist me to follow that path faithfully, not smearing
flesh and blood but like Moses looking to the recompense
of reward in the future world by faith therein.

David Summell,

Sabbath night November 6. 1842.

Since writing in the page previous, have had a welcome visit from my dear Father, who enjoyed spending several days - and met Aunt P. W. ~~and~~ whose visit has been to me one of peculiar interests, giving me much information regarding my dear mother and grandmother - of my mother's power she speaks in the highest terms and with the strongest affection. So that I have almost wished her still on earth; and my little sister Julia; but Brother and daughter God, who is wisdom and Love combined, has been pleased to call away; and I remain the sole representative; I have had peculiarly pious friends, have been peculiarly led in life - and Ordway I became a peculiarly good and useful man.

Learning that my Mother when dying prayed for & kissed her two children - and thinking perhaps her spirit has known my course in life; I have wept at recollecting many a scene and thought how was it possible to do so. Against what light, what prayers, teachings, motives knowledge - and Against what divine Love has my life of sin been pursued! Why spared? Others less wicked have been cut off - others again allowed

their own way of sin - but what mercy has followed
drawing me as it were out from the fire? O my
Master - bring in others also, my family, my
classmates, all my acquaintances - and aid me
with thy strength to mend the breach I have made
by a life of holiness and activity.

This morning's discourse was on the glorious Gospel
and the need of proclaiming it, and the requisite
character of the proclaimers. This afternoon the
Subject was the Doctrine of Providence - if we allow
that there is a God, and he Good, either in the light of the
Scriptures or the guidance of reason, the truest conclu-
-sion seems to be a constant and particular
providence - but a practical scepticism saps the
influence of this; and indeed constant viewing of
the divine hand in every passing event is only
the attendant of much piety. The more devoted
the Christian, and the closer he dwells to his God the more
does he feel the reality and consolation of this doctrine.
'He who observes Providences will have them to observe'
says one; and in future I would be more care-
-ful to note passing events, and by recurrence
to the past strive to banish this neglect of seeing
his hand, so insulting to God, and hurtful to myself.
David Turnbull

Princeton November 27. 1842.

This has been a day of gratifying religious service in the sanctuary - but of no very peculiar emotions in retirement, and one cause is there has not been sufficient private devotion. But surely I need not I enough to call out all my soul in petitions to God! Brothers Sisters Classmates - and the young of my own and foreign countries; O how the great and advancement of Lions Cause should live upon the heart of every Sinner looking to Jesus for Salvation. Assist me to work in prayer and in every other way while the day lasts or the night cometh in which no man can work.

I begin our more work on earth in study of Scripture and in Mental effort I am accountable to God to be faithful, and mean to be so; May it also be a book of prayer and holy living - Many a Canaanite still dwells in the Land of my heart and the Congress which there is some reason to hope is begun, is far & how far, for a Professor just years old, from Completion. O God Change me, Show me how to use Power, and put thy strength in me.

David Mumford

December 18th. 1842 Sunday night

Weeks fly like morning mists; nearly one half of my first theological year has passed away; a savor of Life or of death - what a duty! But few things to note down for to day; because my emotions have been few and feeble; It does seem as if I knew very little of the power of religion. Practical & Theoretical understanding - in both I am sadly behind hand. I am not settled as to what the Bible teaches of Divinity of Christ; Depravity of man; Original Sin; Divine decrees - then ignorant of Bible history. And then the doctrines of Grace in my own heart charge me with lacking much true wisdom. The duties of Christians to the poor & weak, as sadly neglected; and I mean in future to seek more for - Chances to assist the needy. Grendy has cheered my heart by telling of Barnes & Munroe becoming pious - Thank God for this; O bless Yale College with a searching shedding-down of grace, till all its members are brought into the Kingdom. My own family & that they were converted, and laborers for God. David Turnbull

Sunday Evening February 6. 1843.

This day begins the sixth Christian year of my life - O untold kindness that having made the way of return possible for my sinners brought me, one for-tu-pit-une of assistance, to motives of human and divine affection, among the first - to walk in it.

More than any thing else of late have I felt my lethargy and lack of true decision in habit thought and piety.

Prayer tho scarcely ~~an~~ured to myself, is re-garded burdensome - nothing which neither reason scripture love to God or Man can ever palliate - Draw Master aid me, I will pray more! How horrid to be an offend-er against a Holy God, more horrid to feel stupid as I do on such ground.

God is so good to me in raising up friends and comforts; and I think so little of Him.

Lord help me to study more to think more pray and love more: In judging of doctrine I have a constant tendency to swing with others; Oh for vigor, candor, independence humbleness to follow truth lead where it

may - who can measure the harm I
may accomplish by adopting an error
even a slight one: a rich treasure in a
poor vessel; O Father in Heaven be my
Teacher.

David Drumheller.

Sunday Evening September 8th 1844.

Once more returned to Princeton to complete my
Theol. course - raised heavenward in prayer, if
I fall from unfaithfulness how bitter and unpalliated
will be my regret - however an old feeling clings
to me that I am safe, wh. bears down on its
pink. I do not practically feel the stringent power
of the Law of God as it bears on me; I converse I
write. I preach it in all its vigor, but after all do
not realize it; do not feel that I really am
in danger of Hell, myself, and hence but little
value the deliverance offered me in the death of
Jesus Christ. Tell this at the Lord's table this morning;
religion is so much a matter of theory with me; want-
ing so much of its practical power; I wish to be
a true, deep, self knowing one, but shrink from
the nec. efforts - without which however the result is
probably want half its value. This morning carried three

tracts into the Young Men School, wh. I hope may do
them good - I wish they might be converted and are in-
-clined to try and lead them to the Saviour.

I am very impatient in my intercourse with others
whom I know very well; looking for the moment
hardly on their faults; to this I give way and get out of
temper - give good looks, or sharp answers - or
some such thing wh. is inconsistent with the Gospel.
There is something I must prepare for in future life;
to meet in a mild spirit the dulness, ignorance, pre-
-judice and harsh words of others - I wish to acquire an
imperturbable quickness and charity wh. shall bear
and forbear with others failings: the great cause of this
trouble is selfishness; and that erroneous feeling so
common among all that will allow me to give harsh
words in return for the same - O that I could lay more
to heart what Solomon says "a soft answer turneth away
wrath". Learn this morning Gal 6:14 God forbid that I should glory
save in the cross of Christ. Subject in afternoon the Love to Christ;
D. Hays said it is diff. fr. our love to parents and friends, and diff. fr.
our love to God. D. A. said this is the great thing to secure success
in teaching; and that any of us might be eminently successful
if our hearts were filled with Love to Christ. This evening A. H. Brown
preached John 1:29 Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the
sins of the world. Now I begin a new week and hope to see

early, and with diligence, punctuality, and thoroughness perform the
duties of prayer, study, reading, writing and meditation.
O God be my helper! David Drumhelly

One Week later September 15.

Sermon this morning in Chapel By Dr Miller
Eph 2:1 And you (that he quickened) who were dead in
trespasses and sins; a very good discourse, and really
in my opinion having no more than a verbal
difference, and hardly even that, from Mr. Hauer's view
- not always explicit - for instance Man is not
wanting in any faculty necessary to serving God - he
has an understanding to know; he has affections
capable of being placed on him; he has a will
capable of being directed to his service - but he
has no heart for all this; in other words he has
no will - thus it appears to my mind. But Dr Miller
I cannot help loving his so parental, and so
much freer in his entire demeanor, and so much
of a gentleman. At Conference Sunday did I
wander in thoughts, how badly counteracted?
By prayer; by habits of fixed thought; in relig. duties
by entering them making efforts to feel presence of God;

I said by Mrs. D's method of running to Math. prop. or something to engage the mind, said I'd be checked & I had found most useful waiting straightway to Christ Crucified; I^r Miller said He remembered eye of God was upon - knew an old Dr. Hoag from Conn. had now 40 years, who being asked, how he preserved his vigils so many Hrs. & for 20 years in his waking hours he did not think he had for 5 minutes been without the thought that God's eye was upon him; And Sir Isaac Newton said if he had any superiority to other men it was owing to the power of fixing his mind steadily on one subject till he understood it.

I have some longing to feel the power of the Gospel, to know the Christianity of the Lord of Christ, to know myself as a Sinner, and my consequent danger. Am anxious to have right views of truth, and trouble - sometimes truths of all, nearly, the good we appear supported by insuff. evidence to warrant such true belief - but O God guide me by the Holy Spirit into all truth. Then the doctrines of Grace when viewed from one side, that of the Saved Sinner, seem all right; but when I view their consequences from the lost Sinner's side they seem dreadful. Here I think some are blamed wrong - tis said if a man assents not to these views, it is because they are so

himself to him as friend - in many called this way
he, but I cannot think in all; some do see in-
-superable difficulties, in offering Salvation to all men, when
it was never designed for them, tho' it may be suffered
and adapted. And yet if converting grace is Gods free
gift, and given as the purchase of Christs death
why is it not given to all men? it is not given
to all for all are not consoled - and now why
not? bec. not purchased for them: hence particular
redemption or limited atonement - Then again O
Jerusalem! how often w^d I have gathered thee - but ye w^d not.
Who will have all men to be saved - to say this means
all the elect seems intolerable exaggeration. Thus I
flounder on the waves of doubt at one time thinking
this way, again that, and again doubting whether
S. S. settles the matter. I wish to be candid & if
the truth can be found to find it and promote it
all it can. I feel some measure of earnest-
-ness for the conversion of my family. James is
soon to come here, and O my God connect him
to take his case in hand, and bring him to
conviction and repentance, and employ
him for thy sons service; I hope and pray the
dear boy may choose his dows way this winter
and thus be armed agt every temptation & evil.

David Turnbull

Sabbath Morning. October. 28. 1844.

This Morning I rose at 6 - Prayer meeting for
Collegas at Washins room. Prof. Addison preached
on Jas. 3:17. It was expository - 2 Sorts of wisdom
fr. Heaven - a. d. fr. Earth. James said Coming home
"he liked the sermon, not the preaching" - if deemed
he wanted to get this with the service, this said that
I had felt an air of careless despatch w^t. looks
ill. This Afternoon, Surg. Pomeroy did Sp^t over hun-
- man minds. Dr. A. I rec^{ed} only learn their ex-
- istence fr. Bible, tho facts in our Expe. would
fall in with this theory - yet these facts do not prove it.
The Evil Power Con Satan acts on our minds.
This power has varied in diff. ages of world - as in
our Savors time mens bodies - now their souls. The
refuge p. time is in Divin^{ed}. Mr Scott said
was more expert in human heart than any
man - & he having 6000000 exp. might judge some
of his power & power of wicked men over other
men. I tho besides as a port. But no more
nauseful than other Sinners, So he an arch-
- apostate.

My Soul has been drawn out some for other
today spec. for my Bro. James last Sat. I spoke

with him on the welfare of his Soul, he admitted all, but seemed indispos^d to do anything - tonight however he has come and taken his seat here by the fire, doing nothing - and perhaps is willing to hear more - God grant he may be, and besides hearing, to set about making his peace with God - O that he might be now converted.

Sabb. Evening. July 9th 1845.

I take my pen again. Last Thors Session is now within 3 months of its close; how little prepared to enter the labor field of the world. Have been ready more in Pauls Epistles - and feel the lack of Personal heart experience in regard to what he says, and the relig. teacher who lacks this - What, in reality, has he? My convictions seem to be more of the head than of the heart - it w^d have both combined. This morning D^r Alex. Walks Circumspectly; not as fools, but as wise^s walking for a mans Course of life - 1 See we are in the right Course; 2 Keep the end of it in view; 3 We need a chart, and have it in Bibles. Must not turn aside to plead fields, but keep faithfully going. Our way is thro an Enemies Country. 4 Must look all about us, and sometimes behind - not as Lots wife; 5 We need a guide, and have one

in the Shepherd of Israel - Not to walk
is to be fool. Afternoon to Mr Patterson.

Das. still remains not attentive to religion
that the Sp^t of God is arresting him; he has
gone to Ch. to sing & he might be there much
& Lord then is the power. I feel a great lack
of vigor. and firm trial, I may say,
in all my duties, and am playing
with the hope of just. Amendment. I rise late
not with ready, and let time slip away before
my fingers; and so backward at doing anything
in way of Comfort. when not pressed up
for some occasion. I may well know
the little devotion to my Lord's cause, it
is in me, and whether surprised my
mind is engaged to obey him at all
costs. I to be convinced of sin, I sin can
to seek for hope, and led to more strict com-
pliance with his example & commands

Sunday Night Feb. 16th 1845.

This morn I Miller L^d of Lydia's heart.
that she hears to Paul 1. Heart & Shit is implied.
2 God power can open it - Shit is worse. 3
This not of force but just. 1st Thank God for:

off our hearts. 2 Blind who keep hearts close. & sh^d pray for
them at all times, when Gosp. is preached. It
was then & has been since on my mind a
strong desire that God w^d send heart to heaven
to night he has gone to Ch. may the H. Spirit of
truth & something arrest his attention, and lead
him home with the inquiring What shall I do to be saved?

My God my eyes are unto Thee, disappoint not
my hope - I plead with thee O Saviour Merciful
and I wish that Gibbons might be led to devote
his as yet mispent life to a better master &
in a better cause; I hope God will yet use him
for his own glory and the Conversion of men. To
give me faith & earnestness to pray for my
Dear family, all of them. This afternoon walk
with God was Suf^t of Conf. 1 Agreement 2 Communion
& Reliance on & obedience to him - all incl.
D^r A. thought as I only of two men walk^d in God's house
& Noah perhaps meant God appeared to them, or saw
of God a living fig. as to Abr^m & conversed with them.
Went to College Pr. meeting this morning,
& spoke to Stud^s on Growing Grace - D^r McKean
& they were very cold, and going back^d so
thought - O for the Sp^r of God to come into this
College - Prayer M. at 10 at Shinn's Room

I am still full of faults - I am sensible, acknow-
-ledging little very little. Right practical sense
of sin; sometimes almost afraid I know not
what faith in X. is - and from services wh. arise
in my mind have cause to fear they before God
has slight hold on me. Yet most of my sins
are of neglect. I feel more my need of inward
sp^l preparation for the Gospel work, so that God
w^d be my instructor and fit me for it. Dr. A.
thinks it w^d be wise to go to S. Am. tho he prefers
him to Talp. And Dr. Hodge I am - Yr. Dr. A.
says there was a Methodist at Rio, and may
be now - and no one at Talp. he bid me
pray over it and God w^d guide me in the
choice.

Sunday Evening March 2. 1845.

Prof. Addison A. preached 'Be ye men of prayer for us'
- of praying for Pastors, and for others.
After Mr. Patterson 'found nopt. for repentance'
tho sought it carefully and with tears' illust^d by
Plaster, Example, Prof. Privilege, and Oblig.
prior. Espec. Have felt unusual strain for
Bro. Adams, spoke to him but he seems in-
-different; gave him a tract, on Chap^lre Salt

read it and laid aside - Oh my God I turn
to Thee on his behalf, open his eyes, reveal
to him his danger, cause him to flee from
coming wrath - and save him for Christ
Sake. I have grown, as I cast an eye
back, in religious theory; but oh what de-
fects in Practice! My temper is hasty and
proud; without the Salvation and growth in grace
of those about me were near my heart, this
w^d check hasty words - but above all would
the eye of God as ever upon me, were more
remembered - then when any turbulent thought
arises it would be put down. To be an apostle
how hard it is. I long to get away from this
place, and go to work in the field, to enter
the more active duties of the ministry - last
week attempt to write a Sermon, but so many
interruptions occurred, that often I was
necessed, and in anything but a humor fit
for such a duty. Miss Alliburn sent
a pledge to use no int^os drinks; I decline
signing, as it is extreme. Last week on
day of prayer for colleges, my soul was
unusually awake, I remembered this object
day, but ought to feel more alive than I do.

I have never had the convictions of which
some speak, nor yet leaned to any great
extent my own want of strength - I can see
that x. righteousness is necessary for justifi-
cation, but trust too much to my own
strength may the Lord teach me neither to
overate nor underate it. I doubt
seriously what the Bible tells that the influence
of the H. Sp^{is} is any thing more than applying truth
with power to the mind. It is said it must be
if infants are renewed, bec truth can't be
applied to their minds - we do ev not know
the S.S. nor the power of H. Sp^{is} may perhaps be said.

Sabb. Evening Mar. 16th 1845.

D. Alex. Delightful affec. simple articles Simon
on Sowing & Seed - highways & in the fields - might be
hundredfold crop with seed sown; or hundred to each
grain. Afternoon staid at home, Mary Ward was not
well, remained with her. Evening Read Contrast betw.
Martyr and Byron; also life of Swartz. Altho my sins
of Sin are so deficient - I am inclined to make x.
the Minister of Sin, since pardon is off^r so freely; may
my eyes be opened to see the slightest Sin, as enormous;
and that I might think instinctively, sleeping &

waking from all having the appearance of sleep. My mind
is now much distracted as to future field of labor - Shall
I go abroad? - or, as Mr Spaulding from Caylon says, shall
I stay at home? if not, whether go to Calcutta or to some
neather spot? I think I wd be willing to go to some station
among heathen, if sure my health wd be of the right
sort - for the q^{ty} is not small, since the Ch^{rs} amongst
men at expense to have them able to work after they are
on the ground. To God I wish to look candidly, and pray
him besides showing the path, to aid me in treading - to make
me willing to lay aside every weight and go for him where
I can serve him best - 'Track me O Lord to do thy will'.

James will soon leave me for his home; he promises
to read the Test. thro' every year he is in College, at my
request - tho' serious & respectful. he still seems a
stranger to himself and to God - might God awaken &
bring him to serve thee. His last night while praying
for Gibbons - he is now lost, now under condemnation
and O God save him and all my family for
sake.



Excursions Sir, & C

Good Glasgow.

"Annie" said, a pious English bishop "never to go on
by a man's virtues before his face, nor of his fault and in-
fidelity". News papers.

"An old hope"

Going to an old hole is like the skeleton in the sinking
ship. Who while the sailors were each seizing an empty plank
to sustain himself, caught up the anchor and hid it
in a stray sackboard. Arnold

"A thimble in a time of cold"

It would be very hard to find the time to take
one down to seven up.

The bulk of man's mind have ever been and must ever be
miserable and of the use of his hands & his mind, in
must remain to be ever better, in the same state with the
the human empire, and it is better, when he resolved never
to read a printed book. Wp. Watson.

I have given you a good deal in bed - for my wife's sake. and

eternal configurations. (See Milton, *Paradise Lost* 1740.)

Let shall ye, flames, the wasting globe refine
And bid the skies with pure splendor shine
The earth, which the prolific fires consume,
So beauty burns and withers into bloom;
Improving in the fertile flame it lies
Gades into form and into vigor dies:

Burke

A compliment has value from one who has his
Civility for all, but the expression of his appro-
bation for very few.

Poetry — the art of substantiating shadows,
of giving existence to nothing. Burke

Slavery... Death is natural to man, but
Slavery unnatural; and the moment you strip
a man of his liberty, you strip him of all
his virtues; you convert his heart into a
black hole, in which all the virtues conspire
against you.

Delicacy is to birth, but as the
ruffle to the shirt, I am I do not admire the
taste of those who are content to lay aside the
shirt, and display the ruffle only.

Man is a noble animal Glend in Ashes and
pompous in the Grand. Sir Thomas Brown

For tho' books seem as diet of the mind
If knowledge early got self values breeds
By false digestion it is turn'd to wind
And what should nourish on the cater feeds
Dumaineau Gondibuty.

But it is my way to suffer no impediments,
in love or ease, no occupation whatever to hinder
the mind to reach the continent or discern the
completion of my literary pursuits. In the 1004. at 26

For honorable age is not that which standeth
in length of time, nor is measured by number
of years. But wisdom is the gray hair unto
men and an unspotted life is old age.
Wisd. of Sol. 4:8.9.

